Oral History Report

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When I first reflected on the idea of interviewing my father, I thought “what could I possibly learn now? I thought I knew everything about him. My family is pretty close so I knew a lot. I chose to conduct an interview because not much of our family information is online. Also, I had very few old pictures. Most of them are in storage. When I told my father about this assignment, he was excited. He loves to talk, especially about himself. He told me about his parents and how they worked hard to support a family of 12, plus a dog. There were no great legendary stories but his childhood seemed exciting.

It was hard getting information from my mother because she was so busy so I concentrated on my father’s side of the family. I am closer to them anyway. I had a series of questions that I asked him and he also sent me some pictures that he had saved on his computer. I hope to someday create a scrapbook to show future generations how loving and strong the family was. I enjoyed learning more about my family and how my father found my mother, came to America, worked hard in school, got an awesome career and raised his own family.